

TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Ponderosa Pine
Pinus ponderosa

This evergreen tree is a native to Western North America and is abundant east of the Cascade Mountains. The needles are 10 inches long and are found in clusters of three. The yellow-brown to reddish bark is thick and in large plates. The cone is egg-shaped and 4 or more inches long, and the scales have a spiny tip. The Ponderosa Pine is a large tree, often growing to 200 feet.

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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources
Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

Looks like September is going to be busy in the world of Urban Forestry. I'm amazed how many conferences, workshops and seminars are being held this month! I wish I could be in two (or more) places at the same time. In addition to taking advantage of the education opportunities, make sure to continue to water those newly planted trees. We have had a very dry summer, and water is crucial to the development and survival of all the Millennium Trees that have been planted! Please promote deep watering to encourage proper root development. If you have any questions about care of young trees, please call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE (8733). - Sarah

PSURP Grants Available

The Puget Sound Urban Resources Partnership (PSURP) announces the availability of funding and technical assistance for community-led environmental projects in the urban Puget Sound area. PSURP seeks to support local, community-based efforts to improve the urban natural environment by pooling available resources, leveraging funding and building sustainable partnerships, with a focus on degraded and under served areas. For more information and an application, see <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/partners/> or call Sara Hatfield at (206) 296-8042.

Community Forestry Field Day

The Washington Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Program and the Yakima Area Arboretum are holding a Community Forestry Field Day on October 14, 2000. This event is free to the public and will be held at the Yakima Area Arboretum. You are invited to come visit the Arboretum and learn how to properly plant and care for trees in your yard and your community. Instructors will teach about planting, pruning, and backyard composting. Certified Arborists with the International Society of Arboriculture will be on hand to instruct about proper tree care, planting and pruning techniques. The Yakima Master Composters will demonstrate how to compost and the benefits of having your backyard compost pile. They will also discuss the benefits of worms in your compost bin. In addition to the stations, a discussion of community forestry and what can be done to plant, preserve, and protect trees in your community will be held. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., and the event will finish by 3 p.m. For more information or to register for the event, please call Sarah Foster at 1-800-523-TREE.

Forest Owners' Field Day

A two-day Forest Owners' Field School is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 29 and Saturday, Sept. 30 near Shelton. Participants will be able to choose from more than a dozen "how to" topics related to caring for forest land. Non industrial private forest owners are encouraged to attend. There will be a variety of workshops on topics from Fire in the Forest to Riparian Ecology and Management. For a program agenda and registration materials, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.

2000 Tree City USA Forum

The City of Woodinville and the Woodinville Tree Board are hosting the 2000 Tree City USA Forum on November 8, 2000. All Tree City USA's are invited to participate as this is a great opportunity to meet other Tree City USA participants and learn about programs around Washington! Additional information and an agenda will be sent out in October...so keep an eye on the mailbox! For those of you that are not Tree Cities yet...the four criteria include: establish a tree board or commission, write and pass a tree ordinance, document a \$2 per capita expenditure on tree-related matters, and celebrate Arbor Day. For more information on the Tree City USA Forum or the Tree City USA program, please call the TreeLink Hotline.

Tree Line USA Applications Due November 1

Tree Line USA is a program offered by the National Arbor Day Foundation to encourage proper utility practices that safeguard trees. There are three criteria for applying utilities; formally adopt quality tree care practices, document annual worker training, and carry out tree planting and public education activities. Washington State currently has four utilities recognized as Tree Line USA's...Peninsula Light Company, Chelan County PUD, Benton PUD, and Clark Public Utilities. For more information on Tree Line USA or for an application, please call the Tree Link Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

In the works (continued)

"Trees are the earth's endless effort to speak to the listening heaven."
-Rabindranath Tagore

TRIVIA: In what year was the Urban Heat Island effect first recorded?
(answer is upside down below)

Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

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(in 1807, by Luke Howard in England!)

Volunteers Needed for Salmon Days

The Urban and Community Forestry Program will once again have a display at the Issaquah Salmon Days, October 7 & 8. This community festival is a lot of fun and a great opportunity to spread the word about the benefits of trees in our communities. The theme this year is "Kids, Chaos, and Coho." We will be located in the hatchery grounds, and the booth needs to be staffed from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Bring the family, spend two hours at the booth, and then enjoy the Festival! If you are able to help, please call Sarah Foster at 1-800-523-TREE.

Water Pollution Conference

The Washington Department of Ecology invites you to attend "Taking Action To Reduce Nonpoint Water Pollution in Washington", September 26-28, 2000. The conference will be held at the Everett Howard Johnson Plaza-Hotel and will feature speakers, workshops, field trips, and exhibitors. The conference should be of interest to conservation districts, local, state, tribal and federal government agencies, watershed planning groups, irrigation districts, agricultural organizations, farmers, local nonprofit groups, environmental organizations, citizens, etc. Attendance is limited and pre-registration is required. For more information, including registration materials and fees, please contact Ann Butler by email at anbu461@ecy.wa.gov or by phone at (360) 407-6480.

Landscape Trade Show and Field Day

The Washington Association of Landscape Professionals (WALP) is sponsoring the 2000 Washington Landscape Trade Show and Field Day on October 4, 2000, at the Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. For more information on this event, please contact WAPL at 1-800-833-2186 or visit them on the Internet at www.walp.org/tradeshow.html.

Six Solutions to the Overgrown Yard- Spanish language version. Plant Amnesty is pleased to announce that "The Slideshow of Pruning Horrors and Pruning Micro-course" has been renamed, translated into Spanish and is available to the public. Two hundred videos are available free of charge to the public, agencies, organizations and businesses. An \$8.00 postage and handling fee is requested. The video can be used to educate grounds crews, individual homeowners, or community groups who are engaged in volunteer activities. For details, contact Plant Amnesty at (206) 783-9813.

Shigo On Trees: The Video. The Utah Community Forestry Council has released a new videotape production of Dr. Alex L. Shigo's *A New Tree Biology Workshop*. The thirteen hour workshop was recorded and edited to a two-hour format. Endorsed by Dr. Shigo, the video is a good summary of his workshops. This workshop was held in December 1993. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of the video for \$39.95, contact the TreeLink Hotline for an order form. Video information is available on the internet at www.spotlightvisual.com.

September

- 9 Forest Owners Field Day, Couer d'Alene, Idaho. Contact the Panhandle Lakes RC&D at (208) 762-4939 x 5 for more information.
- 25-27 PNW-ISA Training Conference, Boise, Idaho. Call (503) 874-8263 for registration information.
- 26-27 Trees, People and the Law National Conference. Nebraska City, Nebraska. Contact the National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF) at 1-888-448-7337 or at www.arborday.org.
- 28-30 "Community Forestry at Its Best" Conference, Nebraska City, Nebraska. Contact the NADF at 1-888-448-7337.

October

- 1 National Tree Trust Grant Applications due. If you are interested in this grant program, please contact Sherita Alai with the NTT at 1-800-846-8733 x 26.
- 6-7 Green Industry Trade Show and Seminars, Stadium Exhibition Center, Seattle. For more information, call 1-877-GREEN55 or on the Internet at www.emeraldexpo.com.
- 6-8 Master Gardener Advanced Training, Wenatchee. Contact the Chelan County Master Gardeners Foundation at (509) 664-5540 for more information.